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In re Patent Application of )  
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For: CONVERTER CIRCUIT FOR )  
SWITCHING A LARGE NUMBER )  
OF SWITCHING VOLTAGE LEVELS )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows: